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SUBJ: DISCUSSION WITH ROMANIAN MINISTER-COUNSELOR

1. SUMMARY - DOROBANTU BELIEVES SINO-U.S. RELATIONS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE, BUT CHINESE WERE ANGERED BY OUR SUGGESTION AT UN THEY MIGHT BE SEEKING HEGEMONY. CONSIDERS ATTACK ON WESTERN MUSIC IS NOTEWORTHY. ANOTHER ANTI-FOREIGN PERIOD MAY BE IMMINENT. DOUBTS THAT CENTRAL LEADERSHIP IN DANGER.

2. WELL INFORMED SINOLOGUE ROMANIAN MINISTER-COUNSELOR ION DOROBANTU SAID IN CONVERSATION WITH DC-JENKINS THAT, CONTRARY TO SOME OPINION IN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY (IN USLO EXPERIENCE PRIMARILY SOVIET), HE BELIEVED SINO-US RELATIONS CONTINUED GRADUALLY BUT STEADILY TO IMPROVE. THOUGHT NEW YEAR EDITORIAL WAS RESTRAINED WITH REGARD TO THE U.S. AND CHINESE WERE BEING CAUTIOUS ABOUT OUR ROLE IN TAIWAN. SAID ONLY TIME CHINESE HAD SHOWN ANGER TOWARD U.S. IN RECENT MONTHS WAS FOLLOWING UN CAMBODIA DEBATE. CHINESE WERE DISAPPOINTED AT OUTCOME
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AND OFFENDED AT METHODS USED IN UN, BUT MAIN CAUSE OF

ANGER WAS OUR SUGGESTION THEY MIGHT BE SEEKING HEGEMONY.

3. DOROBANTU SAID JANUARY 14 "PEOPLE'S DAILY" ATTACK ON WESTERN MUSIC WAS WORTH CAREFUL ATTENTION. ANOTHER XENOPHOBIC PERIOD LIKELY, BUT NOT TO THE DEGREE EVINCED DURING CULTURAL REVOLUTION. SO FAR HE SEES CURRENT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN AS CONTROLLED ATTEMPT BY CENTRAL LEADERSHIP FURTHER TO WEED OUT TRADITIONAL WAYS OF THINKING. DOUBTED CAMPAIGN SPECIFICALLY AIMED AT INDIVIDUALS IN CENTRAL LEADERSHIP, WHO HE CONSIDERS ARE NOT IN DANGER, "OR AT LEAST NOT VERY MUCH".

4. DOROBANTU WAS NOT CLEAR AS TO REASON FOR LARGE UNIVERSITY-LEVEL GRADUATION CEREMONY ON JANUARY 14. ASSUMED TIMING A RESULT OF LAST YEAR'S IRREGULAR SCHEDULE IN WORK-STUDY PATTERN. SAID HE WOULD QUERY HIS FORMER PEKING UNIVERSITY CLASSMATES NOW IN MFA, "BUT THEIR BRIEF ANSWERS TO ALL QUESTIONS NEVER EXCEED THE CONTENTS OF "PEOPLE'S DAILY"". ADDED THAT AS IN THE CASE OF ALL NON-CHINESE, ROMANIANS COULD NOT TALK WITH NON-OFFICIAL CHINESE ON STREET OR ANYWHERE ELSE. EVEN ALBANIANS HAD NO CHINESE FRIENDS ECEPT THOSE THEY DEALT WITH OFFICIALLY. BRUCE

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